

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

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FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 840

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN CH

SUBJECT: BOEING 707'S GO INTO SERVICE

1. QUITE BY ACCIDENT, USLO OFFICER WAS PASSENGER ON WHAT PROBABLY WAS FIRST BOEING 707 PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN SHANGHAI AND PEKING OCTOBER 13. WHEN IL-18 DEVELOPED MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES IN SHANGHAI, HE AND ABOUT FIFTY OTHER PASSENGERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO SHINY NEW 707 WHICH STILL HAD PLASTIC COVERS ON SEATS AND PROTECTIVE COVERING ON CARPETS.

2. CHINESE PASSENGERS WERE CLEARLY ENTHRALLED WITH YELLOW AND COPPER COLORED INTERIOR, HAPPILY TRIED OUT ALL BUTTONS AND PLUMBING FACILITIES, AND MANY SEEMED TO DRAW THEMSELVES UP IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN EVER SO SLIGHTLY BOURGEOIS ATTITUDE OF "LOOK AT ME IN THESE POSH SURROUNDINGS." DISTRIBUTION OF LITTLE RED BOOKS TURNED OUT TO BE, NOT CHAIRMAN MAO'S THOUGHTS BUT A NICELY DONE NOTEBOOK AND CALENDAR. THE TRIP TOOK AN HOUR AND THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES, CUTTING FIVE MINUTES OFF THE IL-62 FLYING TIME.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THIS FLIGHT WAS UNSCHEDULED, CHINSE APPEAR READY TO GO WITH REGULAR FLIGHTS AT ANY TIME.  
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